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THE REPLY FILED 06 November 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 4 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
(a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
(c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-32.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☒ The drawing correction filed on 16 November 2003 is a) ☐ approved or b) ☒ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____


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Continuation of 2. NOTE: The change in dependencies of claims 5, 8, 13-15, 17, 19, 20, 23, 26-28 raise new issues because they have been changed from the dependencies in the finally rejected claims. The changes in the specification and drawings create new issues due to reference numbers 314 & 314 being unclear as to what they reference since 314 & 318 are referred to in the specification as being part of the blade, but are shown indicating items outside the area contained by the rivets 167, which was understood to be the region of the blade. Applicant's remarks regarding claims 22, 24, & 29 have been considered but are not persuasive since the combination of Jones et al., Choi, and Bayerische once modified, will include a film with a concave-convex configuration which will curve along a longitudinally curved portion along a longitudinal direction of the blade. Applicant's remarks regarding claims 4, 25, 30 have been considered but are not persuasive since Bayerische shows the film has a portion (Y, see attached) in the length X that is wrapped around the reel when said blade is fully retracted.

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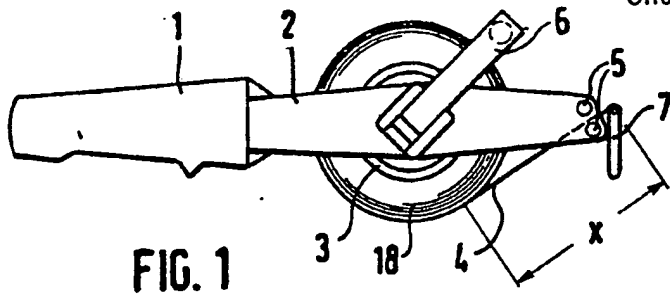


FIG. 1

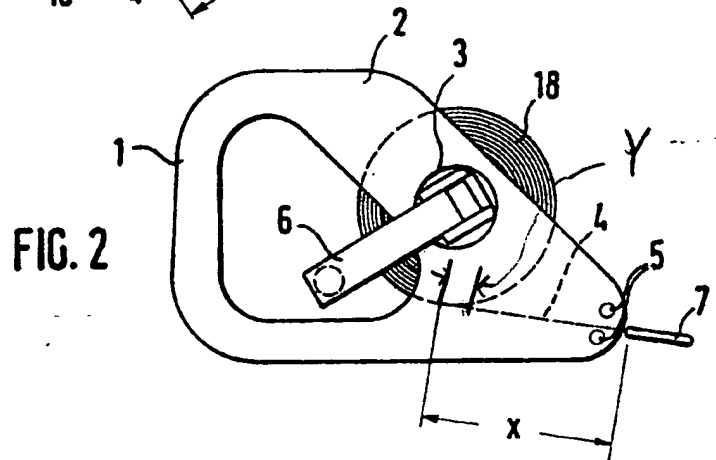


FIG. 2

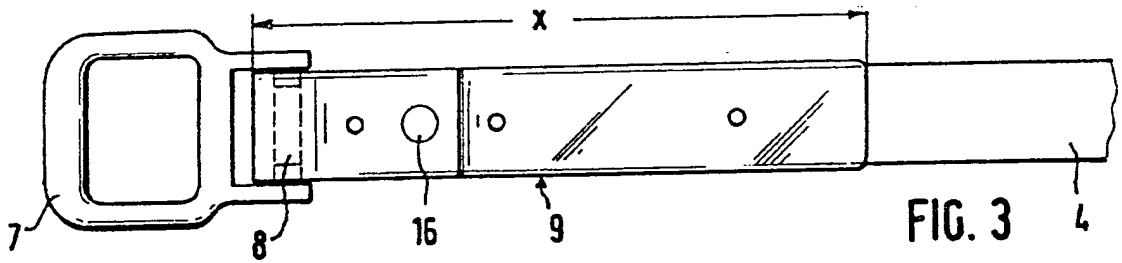


FIG. 3

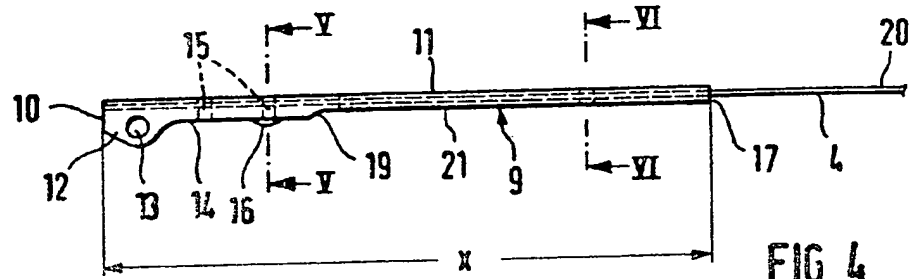


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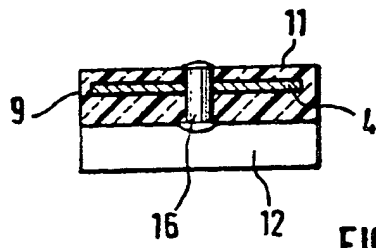


FIG. 5

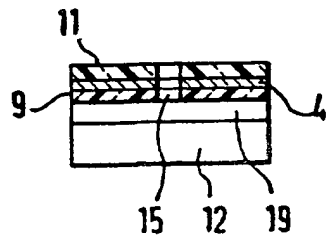


FIG. 6